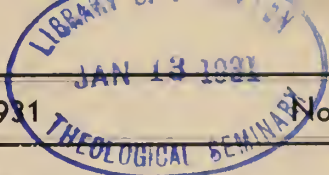


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## In Lieu of Backgammon

*To all whose eyes may chance on these lines, the Editor wishes contentment, peace and spiritual understanding throughout the New Year.*

The ancient admonition to the bride on her wedding day to wear "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue," has been adopted, with one exception, in this the first issue of the forty-ninth volume of the Record. For reasons of economy, the blue cover no longer enfolds the contents.

An old date is recalled that we may not forget the sublime faith that marked the humble origin of this great Christianizing movement which occupies so prominent a place in a certain

stratum of French life today. To go back only twenty-five years, read the list of those who are members of what might be called the Quarter Century Club and find there the refutation of the statement that women are fickle.

New ideas are plentifully present to inspire Auxiliaries in their search for methods by which their circles of influence may be enlarged. The findings of the Presidents' Conference offer a treasure to those who seek a detailed outline of How It Can Be Done. New literature is announced and its uses are explained.

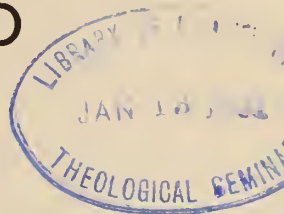
Something borrowed? We have lifted M. Chastand's report of the summer activities at the vacation colonies and schools, and have planted it fully in the following pages. It is worth reading for a better knowledge of how the French child reacts to Christian influence. An informative, amusing and compelling summary.

With the beginning of this New Year and a new volume, make sure that your subscription has not expired. While you are thinking of doing something that will gain another witness of Christian service in France, use the enclosed subscription blank and send in a number of subscriptions as gifts to friends who have heard you speak of McAll and wonder why you are so active in its cause.

The photograph reproduced on the cover of this issue represents the colportage activities of Mons. Scarabin, at St. Brieuc, in Brittany. The workers shown receiving literature are employed in a local automobile factory.

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## Presidents' Conference Findings of the Discussions at the November Meeting

WITH an attendance of thirty-seven representatives from seventeen Auxiliaries and the National Board, the Presidents' Conference had its sixteenth annual meeting November 14, 1930, at the Women's University Club, New York City.

Following the greeting to the members by Mrs. Helen M. Craig, President of the American McAll Association, the Rev. John A. Maynard, pastor of the Huguenot Church of New York City, led the devotional service.

The topics under discussion were conducted under the question and answer method, each leader asking questions and the answers tabulated on a blackboard.

The topic "Why France, anyway?" was led by C. G. Bittner, Field Representative. That France is a field for the dissemination of the doctrine of Christianity as laid down by the life and teachings of Christ was revealed in the following points.

1. Christ's command to carry the Gospel into all lands.
2. France is in need of spiritual guidance.
3. Communistic propaganda, with its emphasis against religion, is threatening the peace of the French nation.
4. Free thinking and atheism are destroying the spiritual morale of the people.
5. We owe a large debt to French culture.
6. American participation in an enterprise such as the Mission Populaire is a symbol of international friendship.
7. France occupies a strategical position in the geography of Europe.
8. Protestants everywhere are indebted to the Protestants of France for their heroic resistance to extinction during the Middle Ages.
9. American co-operation in France is helpful to Ameri-

can students in Paris and other French cities.

10. The Mission Populaire is deserving of recognition because of its unique conception.
11. France is in great need of social service reconstruction following the World War.
12. There is an opportunity to direct individualism into collective thinking about spiritual and social problems.
13. France is breaking the shackles of ancient traditions, and is seeking guidance from America, particularly in a more modern approach to questions concerning industry, commerce and social welfare. The Christian religion has a definite place in modern civilization.

Arguments against any American participation in religious enterprises conducted in France were noted as follows:

1. The French people are unfriendly to Americans.

*This sweeping statement is unfair to the French, and has no foundation in fact.*

2. France is a Catholic country.

*It is true that Catholicism predominates, but not more than one-third of the population may be considered as confessing Catholics.*

3. France is economically stable.  
*Financially, France has re-*

*covered from the war effects more quickly than other European nations. The prosperity of a nation, however, has nothing to do with its spiritual needs.*

4. It is practically useless to combat the solidly entrenched organization of the Roman Catholic Church.

*The testimony of the work of the Mission Populaire during the past fifty-nine years proves the contrary.*

5. The French people are not willing to help themselves.

*The French government is strongly paternalistic. Time and effort are required to prove the need of individual aid in religious and social service causes.*

Mrs. Ewart G. Davies led a discussion on methods which might be used to meet problems arising in a local Auxiliary. The following points were brought out:

1. Novel means should be adopted in order to interest young people.
2. Attractive literature should be used to capture interest in the Mission Populaire.
  - a. Literature should be written for particular age groups.
3. Meetings should be advertised by means of:
  - a. Local newspapers.

## *Presidents' Conference*

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- b. Church calendars and bulletins.
- c. A mailing list.
- d. Posters.
- e. Personal activities of members.
- 4. Variety in meetings held.
  - a. Luncheons.
  - b. Afternoon teas.
  - c. Sewing meetings.
  - d. Pageants or dramatizations of McAll activities.
  - e. Use of new and attractive homes or public places for meetings.
- 5. General advertising of McAll work.
  - a. The establishment of a mailing list for the regular distribution of informative literature.
  - b. The publication at frequent intervals of literature.
  - c. Personal effort on the part of McAll members in the solicitation of membership and contributions.
  - d. A wider dissemination of information about the Mission Populaire for the benefit of travelers in France.
- 6. Various means used to collect funds for McAll work.
  - a. The sale of old gold and silver.
  - b. The sale of candy, cakes and the like.
  - c. Rummage sales.

- d. Lectures and entertainments.

The topic "How to interest Sunday schools" was led by Miss Helen R. Button. In enumerating the reasons why we should interest Sunday schools in McAll activities, the following items were mentioned:

1. To develop an attitude of world friendship.
2. To interest the youth of America in the youth of France.
3. Children do not forget what they learn in Sunday school.
4. Educating children about McAll work and France is a means of educating their parents as well.
5. The Sunday school is a means of obtaining contributions in money and gifts.
6. The Sunday school is a source of future membership.
7. Children are a means of spreading the Gospel.

The following are means by which we may interest Sunday school children:

1. Secure the approval of pastors and Sunday school superintendents.
2. Distribute literature for different age groups.
3. Appoint a member for definite Sunday school responsibility.
4. Offer a definite project to Sunday school groups.
  - a. Sewing garments for the vestiaire.



- b. The adoption of an orphan or a Mission child.
- c. Correspondence with French children.
- d. Stress the importance of Mission Christmas fêtes.
- e. Prepare scrapbooks of American post cards.
5. Dramatization of McAll history or activities by older groups.
6. Seek contact with groups closely allied to the Sunday school, such as the Christian Endeavor and B. Y. P. U.
7. Make an effort to interest vacation church schools and week day church schools.

The final topic of the program, "How Can a Local Organization Become Interested in McAll," was led by Miss Elizabeth Congdon, Associate Field Representative. The following church organizations, societies and clubs were enumerated as possibilities by which the American McAll Association might extend its influence.

#### **ADULT**

Missionary Societies.  
Federated Council of Churches.  
W. C. T. U.  
Kings' Daughters.  
Sewing Circles.  
Philatheas.  
Baracas.  
Men's and Women's Social Clubs.  
League for Women's Service.  
Peace and Goodwill Society.  
Needlework Guild.

Women's International Union.  
Y. W. C. A.  
Y. M. C. A.

#### **YOUNG PEOPLE'S**

Girls' Friendly.  
Christian Endeavor.  
B. Y. P. U.  
Epworth League.  
Y. M. C. A.  
Y. W. C. A.  
Youth Council.  
Westminster Guild.  
Fireside Group.  
World Wide Guild.  
Tuxis.

#### **YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

Girl Scouts.  
Boy Scouts.  
Camp Fire Girls.  
Girl Reserves.

French Clubs in public and private schools.

Miss Congdon stressed the necessity of securing the approval of national and international mission boards, as well as denominational and interdenominational religious education boards. All church activities today, she pointed out, must first have the approval of these boards who recommend mission projects to their respective churches.

Among the invited speakers were Mrs. Henry P. Loomis, of New York, who spoke on conditions in Europe today, directing particular attention to France; Miss Alfrieda M. Mosher, of Boston, and Mrs. William R. Anthony, of Maplewood, N. J., who spoke vividly of their visits to Mission stations during the past summer.

# Summarized Report of the Vacation Colonies and Schools 1930

By EM. CHASTAND, *Director General*

"IF they were not already in existence they would have to be invented!" one of our workers writes in reply to our questionnaire on the usefulness and benefits of vacation colonies. "Indispensable" is the word used in most of the replies.

Here are two reports which sum up the beneficial results of this vacation colony work:

"One vacation colony period is worth easily a year of Thursday school. The child is better seen in his true character, and consequently the influence exerted is surer, more intelligent, more profound." (M. Sabliet, Marseilles.)

"The educational influence of the colony is felt throughout the year. The children who have been there can be distinguished from the others by their obedience and their earnestness." (M. Cadier, Nantes.)

Nine different colonies were filled with our children. Seven of them are the property of the Mission Populaire.

Bellevue, a colony at La Bernerie by the sea, directed by M. LeBerre and later by M. Garnier, accommodated 191 children from July to September.

In Normandie, at the Château de Coqueréaumont, there were 175 children in August and September, under the leadership of M. LeGoff, and at the "Rayon de Soleil," directed by

Mlle. R. Mounier, there were 45 children.

In the old "Villa Bonne Humeur," Châtillon-sur-Seine, Mlles. Berner and Juillard were in charge of 70 little pensionnaires.



*Château of Coqueréaumont near  
Rouen*

On the banks of the Loire at "Les Vallées," at Fondettes, 55 children were privileged to be under the direction of Mlles. Savary and Meissimilly, and of M. Lorriaux. This colony was open for 84 days.

"La Rayée" offered the benefits of mountain air to 38 Parisian girls in charge of Mlle. Müller.

At Stade Coligny, on a plateau at one time torn up by shells, 84 children from St. Quentin passed a few happy weeks, thanks to M. Payot and Mlle. Prévost-Brouillet.

Another colony is located at Sénagats, at an altitude of 700 meters

in the Tarn mountains. M. Sabliet was the leader of 33 children from Marseilles in the picturesque dwelling of the ancient lords of Ségats, today an unoccupied vicarage.

Lastly, at Aubengue, on the Channel, the colony established some time ago by M. Nick, accommodated 136 children from the Foyer du Peuple of Fives-Lille, not including 223 others from various sections of the north of France.

### **Physical Benefits**

Many persons think of the vacation colonies only from the viewpoint of physical benefit. We certainly do not neglect the health of our children. During the entire year our dispensaries watch over their health. Medicines, weighing scales and tonics all have their place in the devoted work done in our infirmaries. Each child is weighed before leaving for the country or for the seashore, and again upon his return.

Good air and wholesome food work wonders! They become rosy or tanned, and their clothes show the effects of rapid weight-gaining. The record year is held by a child at La Bernerie, who gained 4.5 kilos (9.9 pounds).

The mothers are very appreciative of these benefits; but, while we recognize the fact that sound health facilitates moral balance among many abnormal children, we strive for something higher. "The flower fades; the grass withers." We work toward that which will endure, for the eternal. We want health of the soul, and the divine Doctor attends to all our needs.

"Do you believe that the doctor

of the colony could do what Jesus did?" Mlle. Picard asked one little girl. "Oh, no! For he is not Jesus!"

Yes, the spirit and presence of Jesus alone reach the young hearts which are already mutilated by sin, and heals them.

"Why did you lie so often at the beginning of the vacation?" M. Le-Berre asked a little girl. "When I told the truth at home I was slapped," was the reply.

One boy said, "Why should I do good? Why listen to what they say about Jesus? That is all nonsense. They told me at home that Jesus never existed."

When Yvonne first came she spoke the vulgar language of the slums. Her friends said to her: "At Bellevue they don't talk that way!" Then she reflected a moment before expressing herself, and asked: "Tell me, is this a bad word? Can I talk like this?"

### **Model Behavior of Zone Children**

This year we sent several children from the Zone. From their corrupt, unhealthful and wretched surroundings, from their shanties of boards and rags, they were transported magically to a fine château, in bracing air. They have enjoyed daily shower baths, big trees and Christian atmosphere. "How are these little urchins to be managed?" we wondered anxiously. But they were among the best behaved. One of the little girls, upon her return to the Zone, said to us: "We were good, you know. We wanted to be a credit to you!"

It is necessary to know the surroundings in which so many of our



children live in order to understand that the cure which the pure air brings about would be worth nothing without spiritual healing.

The results attained depend on the spirituality of the councilors, and on their ability to effect a healing of the soul.



*Summer haven in the Vosges mountains*

At Gérardmer the children went to see that fine motion picture, "The King of Kings." Upon leaving, one of the older girls who was still very ignorant, cried: "If it is true, all that they did to Jesus, it is shameful, it is frightful!" Ah, we too, we who have been Christians a long time, ought to have this freshness of feeling!

It is touching to see the struggles of conscience which contact with Jesus causes.

"Oh! I would like to make myself over, but I cannot. However, thanks to the Mission and the colony, I feel that I am growing better. But that is not enough!"

Another said: "I feel that I must struggle against the devil which is in me, and I really believe that Jesus is going to take him away, because He helps me fight against him!"

### Learning to Pray

In these struggles of conscience we taught these little ones to pray.

A little girl asked: "What is the use of saying prayers?"

"To make us good," a friend replied.

Sometime later, when the little girl was scolded, she said: "I forgot to say my prayers today; that is why I am bad. Tonight I will say them twice."

The common prayer in the dormitory at bedtime sometimes caused laughter from newcomers who did not yet know the meaning of prayer. At the end of several days, they in their turn were won by the general respect and the attention with which the children listened to the prayer.

"Up to this time I have really been a pagan, but I feel here at Bellevue that I am on the way to becoming a Christian," one boy said.

At the end of the vacation at the colony of Sénagats, the children all expressed their feelings to their councilors. Here are some touching declarations:

Louis (10 years old): "What interested me the most was the Bousquet, because there were swings and the château was very beautiful. What impressed me most at worship was the Alpine climber on the mountain of God. Jesus is a supreme friend; he has saved people . . . The councilors showed me how to make beds . . . The colony has also taught me to say good things and always try to be better."

Ernest (11): "I have learned that

the forest absorbs the mists . . . I have learned to love Jesus Christ more . . . That a goat leaps five meters."

Alexander (12): "My leader, M. Pons, is a fine man who has taught me to trust in God. Life at the colony has given me the idea of changing my heart and purifying it through God, so that I can be a shining light in the unwholesome sections of Marseilles."



*La Bernerie on the Brittany coast*

Marcelle (10): "I learned to obey and to sit up straight at the table. I learned that Jesus is good and kind to wicked men. At Marseilles I will try to be kind, not to be quick-tempered, and to please my mother."

Josephine (12): "I learned to make straw mattresses, to wipe dishes, to obey. I think of Jesus, and that I love Him. When I return to Marseilles I want to please Him."

### **Friendships Established**

These declarations testify to the Christian solicitude of the directors of our colonies and of their helpers in regard to the souls of the children who are in their charge.

Thus a trusting friendship is established between them and the children.

Often after the colony is disbanded, connections are maintained and letters are exchanged which help the children to remain faithful to Jesus. One child wrote: "Please excuse us for the trouble that we have given you. Your work will not be in vain." Even J—who was so bad said to us: "Didn't you notice that since July 15, I have been quite different? It is because I felt that day, during the worship period, that I should change." (La Bernerie.)

Another letter ends in this way: "Good-bye, I am going to begin singing hymns with papa while he plays on his violin." (Coqueréaumont.)

For many of the children the vacation colony is a paradise. It provides them with joys and with memories which they will live over again all year, and which will brighten the hovel, the dark alley, and days of misery.

"Couldn't we stay here longer?" one little fellow asked.

"I am much better off here than at home," another sighed.

Thus one can understand why and how the influence of our colonies which complete our religious activities of the year, creates a moral nucleus which is our joy. I can affirm that our colonies have formed new generations, from the physical and moral viewpoint. Through the power of God the hereditary line of drunkards or *débauchés* has been broken; souls have expanded to produce the spiritual man.

Primarily a work of Christian love, the vacation colonies should have all

our Christian solicitude, and we think that it is a privilege which God gives us to consecrate ourselves to the task of the salvation of the world.

That is what our workers say—those who gave their vacation time for these little children. They gave themselves, but they have received.

"We enjoyed very much the time spent with these little ones whom we loved."

"It is the first time I have helped in a vacation colony. I admired the real brotherhood, the joyful family spirit, the good humor, and the seriousness when it was fitting."

"If the care of children is again entrusted to me, I hope to be able to attain better results, which I will expect by continuing to come nearer to God." We thank very cordially all those who have contributed to the success of our colonies during this vacation, in which the bad weather made the task particularly difficult and fatiguing; we feel sure that the Master will bless them for it: "What you have done for one of these little children, you have done for Me."



*Vacation colony at Fresnes-l'Archevêque in Normandy*

## Vacation Schools

ELEVEN vacation schools were opened this year by the Mission Populaire. Six were in Paris: Arcueil, Bienvenue, Bicêtre, Grenelle, Maison Verte and Cachan; and five were in



*Vacation school at La Bienvenue, Paris*

the provinces: Fives-Lille, Nemours, Rouen, St. Nazaïre and St. Quentin. There were 840 children enrolled, and an average attendance of 710 was recorded.

The work of education at the Ecole de Garde is particularly difficult. A playground in the city does not offer the same opportunities for recreation for our pupils as does the country. It is necessary, then, by means of a carefully thought out program to alternate free periods, supervised games, manual work, etc., without which monotony would give rise to lack of discipline. Bad weather, which prevented outdoor activities, further complicated the task of our workers.

Another difficulty which the Ecole de Garde encounters is the fact that many of the children have no knowl-

edge of our work, our spirit and our methods.

Many parents see in the Ecole de Garde only a means of disposing of their children. At Bienvenue, where one franc is charged for enrolment, one child said, "Mother would willingly give a franc every day to have peace."

Fortunately, we have another ideal: that of putting the Saviour into the hearts of these children.

Many children, again this year, declared they had never heard of Jesus.

### Religious Teaching Enjoyed

The hours consecrated to religious teaching were enjoyed by all. The stories of the Old and New Testaments delighted them, and the hymns filled them with enthusiasm.

Some manifested a touching willingness to learn. At Grenelle, after a talk on telling lies, a little ten-year-old girl asked for a tête-à-tête with Mlle. Chéradame, and sobbed, "Oh, I have told many lies." Another little girl declared: "Before coming to the vacation school I never prayed; now I say a prayer every day!"

"What is necessary for a successful year at school?" Mlle. Chéradame asked, and a ten-year-old girl replied: "We must pray every day that God will help us!"

Our workers do not always have such fine things to report to us. Their work with so many newcomers can often be no more than a preparation, in the hope that these little ones will continue to come to the Mission, and will remain under Christian influence.

This is exactly what happens many

times. Through the Ecole de Garde it is easy to become acquainted with the families of the children, and sometimes to win their hearts also. In any event, the Ecole de Garde is indisputably effective in attracting new children to the Mission.

At the Thursday school at Arcueil there were 60 new pupils, and 50 at the Ecole de Garde.

The vacation school of Cachan is a type apart. It was established at the request of the inhabitants of that town, which is reputed to be communistic. Directed by M. Fallot, evangelist of Arcueil, who was assisted by a young Protestant girl, and a student of theology, this school was attended by 55 children and was terminated by a fête at which two municipal councilors and the doctor of la cité were present.

There also our religious activities are appreciated, and if a Fraternité could be established there, it would have a promising future.



*In the Ecole de Garde, chubby fingers are busy with handwork*



## In Memory of Mrs. John Gray Foster, Plainfield, N. J.

AT the December meeting of the National Board news was received of the death, during the past summer, of Mrs. John Gray Foster, of Plainfield, New Jersey.

Mrs. Frederick G. Mead, state vice-president of New Jersey, makes mention of the passing of this loyal worker in a note to the Editor, as follows: "Mrs. Foster was a devoted friend of our McAll Association from the very beginning of the Plainfield Auxiliary, and our treasurer for more than thirty years.

"She was also a member for many years of the Board of Directors, and faithful in her loving service for our beloved work, both at home and in France. Her presence is missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her, but her influence and the inspiration of her life and example will always live in our memory."

### Telling the Story

SINCE the last meeting of the National Board, November 13, the Field Representative has had the following engagements:

November 14—Presidents' Conference in New York City.

November 17—Motion pictures before 200 young people of the Second Presbyterian Church of Newark, New Jersey.

November 21—Open meeting of the New Haven Auxiliary. Attendance about 100.

November 23—Motion pictures and talk at the evening Sunday service of the First Congregational Church at Washington, D. C. About 200 persons present.

November 24—Open meeting of the Washington Auxiliary in the evening at the Calvary Baptist Church. About 50 members and guests present.

November 25—A conference with 12 officers and committee members of the Washington Auxiliary in the home of Mrs. Charles Alden.

December 1—Open meeting of the Orange Auxiliary at the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church. About 100 persons present.

December 3—Motion pictures at the Girls' High School of Philadelphia. About 300 members of the French classes in attendance.

### Let Treasurers Heed

*TO avoid confusion and to facilitate banking operations, Mrs. Richard S. McKinley, treasurer of the National Board, asks that all remittances to the Philadelphia office be made payable to the American McAll Association and not to the order of an individual officer or member of the Philadelphia staff.*



# How Can Local Organizations Become Interested In McAll?

By ELIZABETH CONGDON, *Associate Field Representative*

*DUE to lack of time, the fourth topic of the Presidents' Conference, "How can local organizations become interested in McAll?" was not discussed in full. Miss Congdon adds the following outline to supplement her survey of this important field of endeavor:*

## I. A survey of the locality.

### Key persons.

1. Socially prominent.
2. Leaders in church, school, social service and civic organizations.
3. Students who are traveled and interested.
4. Foreign relations groups in colleges, private and public schools.
5. Persons who have lived or traveled in France.

## II. Approach to key persons.

1. Through personal introductions and endorsements.
2. Letters written outlining purpose and past accomplishments.
3. Printed publicity of McAll work.
4. The past and proved record of McAll Mission.

## III. Presentation of McAll mission work.

1. The appeal on the broadening basis of international friendship.

## 2. The humane appeal—

for a nation starved for Christian life;

for a working people who are broken in health with no national organizations for their relief.

## 3. The social and educational appeal.

An Auxiliary may be formed with a three-fold purpose:

- a. To raise money.
- b. To sew for the children.
- c. To study France and her people.

## 4. Through local newspaper and national periodical publicity.

## 5. Through religious press.

## IV. Appointment of a key person who will assemble a group of active and interested friends to whom a clear and definite picture of

## 1. The work in France will be given by

- a. Attractive printed and illustrated reports of the Mission's work.
- b. Letters from officers and workers in France.
- c. Movies and slides of the children at the vacation colonies.
- d. Letters direct from the children.

## Local Organizations

- e. Talks by persons who have seen the work in France.
  - f. Articles written by eminent and well informed persons on the worth of McAll work in France.
  - g. Letters and statements of endorsement of McAll work from outstanding leaders in national and international affairs.
  - h. Frequent and direct contact with the field workers.
2. The American McAll Association organization in United States by means of
- a. Monthly letters of progress and suggestions to Auxiliary presidents for raising money.
  - b. Frequent and intimate (personal) reports from workers in France.
  - c. Reports of field workers at state and national meetings.
- V. Maintaining Auxiliary and group interest.
- 1. Each Auxiliary or group to accept a definite yearly quota, represented by a specific need.
  - 2. McAll Association office to aid definitely in plans for raising money—for new members.
  - 3. Education program on France planned by local groups aided by Association office.
    - a. Reading lists provided and special magazine articles and books suggested.
    - b. Persons well informed to speak on France.
    - c. Topics for discussion suggested.
  - 4. Promotion of
    - a. Sewing meetings.
    - b. Fram memberships.
  - 5. Secure approval and active cooperation of local church, civic, social and school organizations in a program to promote international friendship.
  - 6. Arrange for all members and friends of members who travel in France to see McAll work in France. (Association office to be furnished with travelers' Paris address.)
- The plan as outlined above can be carried out by each Auxiliary in its own locality. In the pioneer work of the past two years this approach has been followed. Within a reasonable length of time a nucleus has been formed for the purpose of organizing a McAll Auxiliary or an interested group. Definitely organized groups are not always possible. It is increasingly true, however, that many church organizations, societies and clubs can plan for the presentation of the McAll program at one of their meetings, and eventually give an allotment from their budget for the promotion of Mission activities in France.
- By addressing the Field Representatives at either the New York or Philadelphia office, additional information may be secured for the promotion of this plan.

# The Quarter Century Club

## An Honor Roll of Auxiliary Members

### with 25 years or more of Continuous Service

*THE appended list may show errors in spelling or omission. Auxiliary secretaries are asked to return corrections to the Philadelphia office for the permanent roll.*

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Miss Dora L. Murdoch  
Mrs. M. A. Glover

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Dr. G. Wyckoff Cummins

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Mrs. Henry E. Ide  
Mrs. P. D. Chase  
Miss Grace Collins  
Mrs. F. W. Moss  
Mrs. W. A. Putnam  
Miss N. A. Forbes  
Mrs. Chas. L. Fincke  
Mrs. T. W. Wardell  
Mrs. T. L. Williams  
Mrs. J. M. Kudy  
Miss Brinsmade  
Mrs. J. T. Underwood  
Mrs. J. O. Williams  
Miss Nellie Twyeffort  
Mrs. James Donnelly  
Miss Ella Rowell

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Miss J. C. Adams  
Mrs. John Ayrault  
Mrs. J. N. Byers  
Miss Mabel Burns  
Mrs. David Cowan  
Mrs. Chas. S. Butler  
Mrs. Walter P. Cooke  
Mrs. George Dunston  
Mrs. E. J. Ellicott

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Mrs. E. B. Eggert  
Miss Minnie Edgerton  
Mrs. George Farnham  
Mrs. F. G. Fox  
Mrs. DeWitt C. Green  
Miss Alice Howard  
Mrs. John Hemrich  
Mrs. Henry O. Holland  
Mrs. John R. Gray  
Mrs. Walter Ihde  
Mrs. Willis K. Jackson  
Mrs. George Jackson  
Mrs. William H. Johnson  
Mrs. John Hobbie  
Mrs. F. A. Kahler  
Miss Mary Larned  
Mrs. Josiah Letchworth  
Mrs. E. C. McDougal  
Mrs. Herbert Montillon  
Miss Mary Noble  
Miss Alma Noble  
Miss Kate Putnam  
Mrs. H. O. Putnam  
Mrs. George N. Pierce  
Mrs. G. Barrett Rich, Jr.  
Mrs. J. B. Rodgers  
Mrs. John Robson  
Miss Isabelle Robson  
Miss Mary Robson  
Mrs. J. A. Stein  
Miss Liska Sullman  
Mrs. W. L. Sykes  
Mrs. C. C. Slaght  
Mrs. H. J. Simons  
Mrs. J. L. Siboli  
Mrs. F. C. Wood  
Mrs. S. Waldo  
Mrs. A. H. Whitford  
Mrs. William A. Rogers

#### CHESTER

Mrs. Wm. S. Blakeley  
Miss Mary Roebuck  
Mrs. George B. Harvey

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Mrs. L. K. Thompson  
Mrs. E. E. Smith  
Mrs. E. W. Backus  
Miss Caroline Bovey  
Miss Alice Hill  
Miss E. H. Paige  
Mrs. F. W. Starr  
Mrs. E. M. Van Cleve  
Mrs. George Cormack  
Miss Theresa Benner  
Mrs. Charles Hedden

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Miss Mary Baker  
Miss Anna Haebshoune  
Miss Grace Merry  
Mrs. Isaac Alling  
Mrs. Frederick Johnson  
Miss Mary C. Johnson  
Mrs. J. S. Reppil  
Mrs. William R. Anthony  
Mrs. J. Huyler Smith

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Miss Alice M. Davison  
Mrs. James C. Colgate  
Mrs. J. C. Marin  
Miss H. J. Faulkner  
Miss Elsie Earle  
Miss Enily Janeway  
Mrs. Clarence Leggett  
Miss Anna H. Parsons  
Miss Sarah L. Horn  
Miss A. L. Horn  
Miss Elizabeth Billings  
Mrs. Andrew Carnegie  
Mrs. Malcolm D. Sloane  
Mrs. William D. Sloane  
Miss O. P. Stokes  
Mrs. H. McK. Twombly  
Mr. Abram Voorhees  
Mrs. S. V. V. Huntington  
Mrs. Robert Deyo  
Mrs. J. A. Trowbridge  
Mrs. Simeon B. Chapin  
Miss Greenwood  
Miss M. T. Cockcroft  
Miss Minnie Roos  
Mrs. T. E. Greacen  
Mrs. Burr Wendell  
Mrs. James H. Schmelzel  
Miss Emily Warring  
Mr. Edmund Bliss  
The Misses McAllister  
Mrs. W. Loring Andrews  
Mrs. W. J. Schielfelin  
The Misses Simar  
Mrs. Alfred Marling

#### NORTHAMPTON

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Miss Bodman  
Mrs. C. H. Barrows  
Miss Mina Woods  
Miss Ella Watson  
Miss Rosa Watson  
Miss Helen Sergeant  
Miss Julia Caverno  
Miss Dorothea Caverno

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### NORTHAMPTON (Cont.)

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Miss Helen Thompson  
Mrs. L. L. Campbell

### ORANGE

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Mrs. G. W. B. Cushing  
Miss C. C. Dechert  
Mrs. F. L. Fuller  
Mrs. T. A. Gillespie  
Mrs. James Girdwood  
Mrs. C. H. Kelsey  
Miss E. Lasell  
Miss C. H. Littell  
Miss M. R. Merwin  
Mrs. Philip Schuyler

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Mrs. F. A. Anderson  
Mrs. James M. Armstrong  
Miss Emily R. Ashbridge  
Mrs. Lida H. Ashbridge  
Mrs. Albert M. Barnes  
Mrs. H. I. Drinker  
Miss Harriet Harvey  
Mrs. Albert N. Heritage  
Mr. Alba Johnson  
Miss Annie Esrey Johnson  
Mrs. John F. Keator  
Mrs. Roberts LeBoutillier  
Miss M. Adele Morris  
Mr. Harold Peirce  
Mrs. Harold Peirce  
Mrs. Abraham R. Perkins  
Miss Maud F. Stone  
Mrs. Rufus Waples

### PITTSBURGH

Mrs. E. M. Aiken  
Mrs. Moses Atwood  
Miss Margaret Jamison  
Mrs. Charles H. Spencer  
Mrs. W. J. Holland  
Mr. J. I. Buchanan

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Mrs. James I. Kay  
Mrs. John H. Kerr  
Miss Ellen D. Lyon  
Mrs. H. L. Mason, Jr.  
Miss Emma S. Mabon  
Miss Janet Mabon  
Mrs. John S. Mabon  
Miss Maria Jennings  
Mrs. R. S. McCague  
Miss Elizabeth W. McCague  
Mrs. C. I. McKee  
Mrs. J. H. Reed  
Mrs. R. S. Smith  
Miss Neil Stewart  
Mrs. William R. Thompson  
Mrs. John Walker  
Mrs. W. W. Wattles  
Miss Grace Williams

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Mrs. W. R. Allen  
Miss Mary Bissell  
Mrs. J. Arthur Burbank  
Mrs. A. N. Chapin  
Mrs. John C. Crosby  
Miss Anna L. Dawes  
Miss F. I. Dunham  
Mrs. S. L. Harvey  
Mrs. C. C. Henry  
Mrs. Harry Holden  
Miss Harriet Plunkett  
Mrs. Charles Richardson  
Mrs. F. W. Rockwell  
Mrs. H. A. Root  
Miss Phila Whipple  
Mrs. Herbert S. Wollison  
Miss Nellie Whipple

### PLAINFIELD

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Mrs. George A. Strong  
Mrs. Josiah Browne  
Dr. Henry M. Mason

### PLAINFIELD (Cont.)

Mrs. Henry M. Mason  
Mrs. Morris Zook

### SPRINGFIELD

Mrs. John R. Lyman

### WASHINGTON

Mrs. Charles S. Alden  
Miss Nettie Bradley  
Mrs. W. B. Bryan  
Miss Fanny Childs  
Mrs. C. H. Livingstone  
Mrs. Pollock  
Mrs. Frank Suter  
Mrs. William N. Strong  
Miss Laura Waller

### WEST CHESTER

Mrs. Wallace P. Dick  
Miss Mary A. Bogle  
Mrs. George Achelis

### WILKES-BARRE

Mrs. B. C. Miller  
Mrs. Lewis Taylor  
Mrs. Woodward Leavenworth  
Mrs. Henry L. Jones  
Miss Anna Troxell  
Miss Lucy Studevant  
Miss Bertha Mitchell  
Miss May Fuller  
Mrs. Isaac P. Hand  
Miss Anna W. Hollenback  
Miss Hetty McClelland  
Mrs. Benjamin Reynolds  
Miss Fannie Rutter  
Mrs. C. C. Bowman  
Mrs. W. L. Watson

### WORCESTER

Mrs. Emma Hall  
Mrs. Henry Leland  
Mrs. Henry Braunon  
Mrs. J. G. Murdock  
Mrs. E. H. Marble  
Mrs. George A. Jordan

The title, "Madame la Doyenne," of the American McAll Association, seems to belong to Mrs. Roberts LeBoutillier, who proudly claims an active experience in McAll dating from 1874. No other claimant for the title has yet appeared.

Thumbing the February, 1905, issue of the American McAll Record, it is found that six names have a familiar ring: Mrs. Anna L. Dawes, then, as now, representing Western Massachusetts, in the list of vice-presidents; Mrs. Frank B. Kelley, Mrs. John F. Keator, Mrs. Roberts LeBoutillier and Mrs. Abraham R. Perkins, then, as now,

members of the Board of Directors. At that date Mrs. Abraham R. Perkins had completed her tenth year of efficient handling of McAll funds. The post of General Secretary was filled by Miss Harriet Harvey.



## Will Represent Board

At the last meeting of the National Board, Mrs. H. Childs Hodgens was elected as representative of the American McAll Association to the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, to replace Mrs. Frank B. Kelley, who was unable to serve in that capacity.

# Friendship for France

## How It Can Be Used to Win Friends for McALL

THE illustration on this page is reproduced from the cover design of a leaflet which suggests a new plan for winning new friends for France and the work which is sponsored there by the American McAll Association.

What is meant by Friends of France? On the inside cover of the leaflet appears this definition, which has been approved by several committees and by the National Board:

*Friends of France are members, within the United States, of an international group which seeks to perpetuate, through spiritual, cultural and social means, a friendly attitude toward France.*

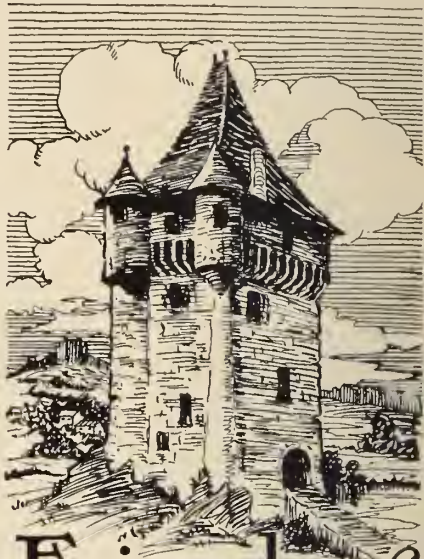
*This expression of goodwill is sponsored by the American McAll Association which, for more than fifty years, has made a notable contribution to this cordial relationship through its co-operation with the religious and social service activities of La Mission Populaire Evangélique de France (The McAll Mission in France).*

On what might be called page 3 of the leaflet is the following statement:

*As an expression of goodwill, I wish to be enrolled as a Friend of France in the United States through the American McAll Association. To further this cause, I agree to contribute the sum of \$..... (a) Annually; (b) Within 30 days; (c) By Cash.*

Space for the name and address is given.

It is the belief of the committees



## Friends of France

which have developed this idea that here is an opportunity to gain sympathetic attention from many persons who do not care to join an organization.

Individuals, young or old, and of either sex, who subscribe to what is frankly called an expression of goodwill, need not concern themselves with membership in an organized Auxiliary. They are prospects for membership at a later date. In the meantime, they are contributing to the work of McAll because it is a factor in the



maintenance of international friendship.

No plan, however skillfully prepared, is of value until it has proved its worth by trial. It is the belief of committee members of the National Board that at least ten Friends of France can be enrolled by every member throughout the entire organization by making the project known to friends.

Which Auxiliary will be the first to put this plan into operation, and which member will have the honor of securing Friend of France No. 1?

These leaflets are **READY** for distribution and may be secured, without cost, from either the Philadelphia or the New York office. How to apply this friendship project to local church organizations and young people's societies will be dealt with in an instruction sheet which will be sent to Auxiliaries very soon.

All contributions secured through this plan in any city having an organized Auxiliary will be credited to that group.

## **New Member of National Board**

At the December meeting of the National Board the resignation of Mrs. Paul W. McClintock, a member of the directorate since 1928, was read and accepted with regret.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Dana B. Hellings, of Buffalo, was elected to fill this vacancy.

## **Wanted—Little Furniture for Little Folk**



**M**ONS. LE GOFF's kindergarten class at Arcueil is one of the busiest bands of children to be found in the Mission centers of France.

An outdoor sand pile seems to keep them happy in the summer. The cold winter months present the necessity of indoor activities, and with them the need of suitable furniture for short legs and arms.

An estimate of 2,040 francs (\$81.60) has been received from the Paris office to provide for the following items:

8 tables .....	\$19.20
16 benches .....	19.20
1 cabinet .....	8.00
8 cots .....	25.60
8 blankets .....	9.60

Of this amount, the sum of \$30.00 has been subscribed (and paid) by members of the Montclair Auxiliary. Does this appeal to you, too?

# Gleanings

## News of McAll Groups Here and There

### NEW YORK

The New York Auxiliary is living up to its reputation of being a busy organization. The November Box and Bundle luncheon attracted a large number of members, and sixty bundles for the Prosperity Shop were brought in. The motion pictures of the work in France were shown by the Field Representative. The Auxiliary will hold its annual luncheon, January 14, at the Women's University Club. This is to be a melting pot luncheon, when members and friends will bring in old gold and silver. Speakers for this occasion will be Mrs. Henry P. Loomis, Mrs. Frank B. Kelley and the Rev. Millard L. Robinson, Ph.D., who will address the membership on the topic, "Missions versus Communism." There will be no theatrical benefit this year to raise funds to meet the special Annual Meeting pledge. A special appeal is to be sent out instead.

bers of the Auxiliary and its friends. The following morning a group of sixteen officers and managers of the Auxiliary met with the Field Representative at the home of the honorary president, Mrs. Charles S. Alden, to discuss plans for the year.

The Auxiliary welcomes to its fellowship the Georgetown Presbyterian Church and its manager, Miss Mary Hedrick.



### MINNEAPOLIS

Up to the present time the Auxiliary has had three meetings in the homes of members, and a luncheon meeting at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at which Mrs. P. S. Janney was hostess. Besides being a delightful hostess, Mrs. Janney has made a considerable contribution to the budget by the sale of her handiwork. The mince-meat sale also was very successful. A Foodcraft luncheon and other sales are proposed for the future.



### WASHINGTON

The Washington Auxiliary devoted three days in November to an intensive program for the extension of McAll interest in that city. The Field Representative presented motion pictures and spoke in the First Congregational Church, on Sunday evening, November 23, to an audience of about 200 church members. The following evening the motion pictures were shown at the Calvary Baptist Church to mem-

### HARTFORD

The Senior group held its first meeting of the season October 7, at the home of Mrs. Clarence H. Wickham. Dime containers which had been sent to all members in June for a "summer offering" were brought in, and revealed a total of \$400. Mrs. Warren S. Archibald spoke of her visit last

summer to the Fraternité at Rouen and Salle Centrale in Paris. A meeting was held November 10 in the parish house of the Asylum Guild Church, when the Field Representative presented his motion pictures, making those present feel that they had lived for an hour with the children of the Mission. The board of managers is busily at work collecting old gold and silver from the membership in anticipation of a sale later in the winter.



### **ST. PAUL**

A committee of which Mrs. McWilliam, of the House of Hope Church, is chairman, is occupied in filling another box of clothing and supplies for French children.



### **BROOKLYN**

The year 1930 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Brooklyn Auxiliary. "This group," says Mrs. Henry E. Ide, president, "was organized by my mother, Mrs. Samuel M. Fellowes, after a visit from Miss Beach soon after her return from France. After telling her interesting story she was persuaded to speak before a few women in the First Presbyterian Church. She was very shy about it, as she had never done so before. Of course, she created a great interest, and our Auxiliary was formed very soon after, and our first annual report appeared in 1881. Our membership is not large, but we have been able to send, during the past fifty years, more than \$100,000 to France."

### **ORANGE**

In view of the change which has been effected by the Paris Board by which M. Brochet has been transferred from Desvres to Amiens, the Orange Auxiliary, which has for years been interested in the work at Desvres, is now considering a transfer of its financial aid to another important Mission center.



### **BALTIMORE**

With one meeting to its credit in November the Baltimore Auxiliary is looking forward to a luncheon meeting in January, with a prominent speaker. Arrangements are being made to include this group in the March itinerary of the Field Representative for a presentation of the Mission motion pictures.



### **PARIS**

The winter activities began with a meeting of the children's group at the church house of the American Church on November 9. The Junior organization met December 3 at the home of Mrs. J. Wayne Cuyler. Mme. Martin and M. Leenhardt were the speakers. The Junior organization was entertained December 4, by its chairman, Miss Leet, at the American University Women's Club. M. Chastand was the speaker on this occasion. In January the children's group will again be welcomed at the Epiphany service by the Rev. F. Anstruther Cardew, of St. George's Church.

## Junior and Children's Groups

### DETROIT

Welcome to a new McAll organization in Detroit! Through the efforts of the Associate Field Representative and Mrs. Albert Honywill, Jr., an enthusiastic group of twenty-eight young women have combined to devote time and effort in behalf of McAll. The officers are as follows:

President—Mrs. J. E. Forrest.

Vice-President—Mrs. Albert Honywill, Jr.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Milton W. Pettibone.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Forrest.

Writing to the Philadelphia office, one of the organizers says, "This is really a working group. Twenty-eight enthusiastic young women gathered at the home of Mrs. Honywill on December 10 and sewed. Miss Congdon's address was inspiring and the motion pictures greatly enjoyed. The feeling that something really worthwhile will grow out of this group of earnest workers was uppermost in the minds of all. It is evident that in these troublous times of world depression it is possible to create interest and love for the children of our beloved France."

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### BUFFALO

"She put in her thumb and pulled out a plum"—valued at \$32.50 for the Buffalo Junior budget. It really wasn't Mrs. Harry C. Kline's thumb, but her bright idea of selling plum puddings which netted this tidy sum.

Mrs. Kline explains how it was done for the benefit of others who may care to do likewise another year.

"Miss Fannie Brunson of Batavia, New York, makes them and ships them all over the country, and last Fall she asked me if I wouldn't like to sell them for McAll, and she would give us twenty-five cents on a dollar. The Buffalo girls did not think we would make anything, but I just went on, and we have sold to date one hundred and thirty pounds, which nets us \$32.50 for our effort. Miss Brunson would gladly supply all or any group of McAll another year, if they would like to sell them. Miss Brunson is so very interested in McAll that we call them McAll Plum Puddings."

The new dormitory built last summer at the vacation colony of Coqueréaumont through the generosity of the Buffalo Junior group will be called the "Henrietta Reeb Schaefer Maisonet of Buffalo" in memory of the founder and first president of that organization.

In addition, this group has voted to supply the furnishings of the dormitory and pay for the housing of fourteen children during the summer.

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### HARTFORD

The Junior McAll group of Hartford has made a gift of \$8.00 to provide a bicycle for Mlle. Deransart, visiting nurse at Rouen. In addition, this group has assumed the cost of furnishing another room at the château of Coqueréaumont.

## MAPLEWOOD FRAM

Of the four children sent from the Zone to the vacation colony of Coqueréaumont by the Maplewood Fram, two boys were of the same family. The absence of the two children during the summer permitted their mother to save sufficient money to buy another small roulotte (van), which now serves as a bedroom for the boys. Another instance which illustrates the helpfulness of children's work to the entire family.

## NEW YORK OFFICE

Miss Congdon's office has asked for complete membership lists of Junior groups. Hartford has 81 members, Easton 25—how many have you? This is a reminder to send in your membership lists, with the questionnaire to the New York office.

## A Money-Raising Plan

Arrangements have been completed by the New York office for the importation of French novelties, dress accessories, articles of apparel which are usually referred to as "dainty," and, in fact, a large list of those things which appeal to the feminine mind and pocketbook.

The services of a competent buyer (feminine gender) have been secured, and it is expected that boxes, bales, bundles and parcels will arrive within a few weeks. The merchandise sent from Paris will be what the French call "le dernier cri," those delightful and charming subtleties of fashion

which only the French know how to produce.

Here is an opportunity for wide-awake Auxiliaries to promote a sale which, from its very nature, carries the assurance of success. As soon as details are completed, complete information will be sent to all McAll groups by Miss Congdon, or the far-sighted ones may secure an early showing by communicating at once with the New York office, 270 Park Avenue, Apartment G-12, New York City.

## McAll at Student-Faculty Conference

Mrs. Albert Honywill, Jr., vice-president of the newly organized McAll group of Detroit, was in charge of the McAll booth at the National Student-Faculty Conference, held in that city, December 27-31, at the Book-Cadillac Hotel.

The conference was conducted under the auspices of the National Student Y. W. C. A. and the National Student Y. M. C. A. operating through the Council of Christian Associations.

## Ship's Officer Knows McALL

Mrs. E. A. Nield, a member of the Larchmont Auxiliary, en route to France on the *S. S. DeGrasse*, was informed by the First Officer of the ship that she and her husband must certainly visit the Mission Populaire when they were in France, and he gave them the address of the Paris office.



## Have You a Book?

The National Board has the nucleus of a library whose usefulness is to be extended to all members of the American McAll Association.

At a December meeting of the Library Committee the importance of having a shelf of reference works both in French and English was stressed. It was planned that this material should include books, magazines and clippings bearing on the history of France, history of Protestantism in France, travel, general culture, etc.

The Library Committee felt that members and friends of the Association might be glad to make gifts from their private libraries for this purpose, or to make contributions toward a fund for the purchase of such books as might be recommended.

The contents of the library are to be put at the disposal of Auxiliary members. Any book may be retained by a reader for a period of two weeks, for which period a charge of \$.25 will be made to cover the cost of postage and handling.

Following is a list of books received from one contributor who loves France and fine literature. As this plan grows, lists of additions to the library will be sent monthly to the Auxiliaries.

Paris the Beautiful—*Lilian Whiting*

A Mirror to France—*Ford Madox Ford*

France—*André Siegfried*

The Colour of Paris—*The Académie Goncourt*

France and America—*André Tardieu*

Paris Reborn—*Herbert Adams Gibbons*

Ports of France—*Herbert Adams Gibbons*

Collector's Luck in France—*Alice Van Leer Carrick*

Those Europeans—*Sisley Huddleston*

France and the French—*Sisley Huddleston*

The French of Today—*Barrett Wendell*

Romance of the Bourbon Chateaux—*Elizabeth W. Champney*



## Christmas Tree Fund

RECEIPTS for the Christmas celebrations in the various Mission centers, up to December 19, amounted to \$223. Response to this appeal has not been so generous as in former years. It is not too late, however, to make contributions for this purpose. Additional sums received will be sent to Paris headquarters to reimburse their general fund in the Mission's effort to give some happiness and joy to the three thousand children whose only knowledge of Christ's love for them comes through La Mission Populaire.

# A Quest for Information

## Significant Facts and Figures About the Auxiliaries

IN search of information of value to various committees of the National Board and to the Auxiliaries of the American McAll Association, a questionnaire was sent from the Philadelphia office in the early part of December. Up to the present time (December 18) twenty-two Auxiliaries have complied with the request for data. This list includes the following cities: Baltimore, Belvidere, Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Chester, Easton, Hartford, Larchmont, Meriden, Minneapolis, Newark, New Haven, Northampton, Orange, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Springfield, Washington, Wilkes-Barre, Worcester, West Chester.

The oldest organized group to report its date of organization is New Haven, which began its activities in 1879. Precisely half a century has elapsed between the beginning of McAll interest in New Haven and that of the formation of the Larchmont Auxiliary in 1929. From 1902, the date of the organization of the West Chester Auxiliary, until 1929, is a period of twenty-seven years, during which no Auxiliaries were organized, according to the questionnaires returned.

There is little unanimity of opinion about the most desirable month for holding the annual election of officers. March leads the way with eight auxil-

aries; six choose April; two in May; one in June, two in the Spring, and November is favored by two.

The list of committees submitted is refreshingly large, indicating a wide variety of activities covering routine business matters, work at home and work abroad. The complete list is worthy of publication. Committees listed are: Relief, Children's, Program, Literature, McAll Record, Finance, Orphans, Executive, Publicity, Sewing, Magazine, Hostess, Children's Work, Foreign Correspondence, Sunday Schools, Meetings, Luncheon, Christmas Fund, Christmas Cards.

With 118 managers representing 36 churches, Buffalo is entitled to a large red apple. Philadelphia is next with a representation in 32 churches. The totals shown in the questionnaires reveal 589 managers in 302 churches.

Of the 18 Auxiliaries which reported the number of members as of December 1, 1930, some obviously reported their constituency in round numbers. Answers listed as "about so many members" reveal the necessity of a careful check-up of membership. Eight Auxiliaries indicate that they have about the same number of members now as they had one year ago; four show an increase over last year; four report a decrease; and six give no answer to this question.

According to the returns, nine meth-

ods are used to attract new members, as follows: Speakers (McAll executives and visitors to Mission in France), luncheons, socials, personal invitations, meetings combined with women's societies of churches, personal work of managers, teas with speaker, post cards, distribution of literature.

Persons of French origin are included in the membership of twelve Auxiliaries. The remaining ten are without French representation. Only five Auxiliaries make a definite attempt to interest persons of French origin in the work of their organization.

Minneapolis seems to lead the field in the number of business meetings held in the course of the year, reporting ten. Buffalo and Philadelphia are in about the same category, since the former shows from eight to ten meetings, while Philadelphia has nine meetings. Easton, however, takes the palm for average attendance at such meetings, with a total of 55, topping its nearest competitor by 30 members. Practically all Auxiliaries have open meetings during the year, since only two give no reply in regard to this feature. Among the attractions which serve as a basis for open meetings may be mentioned luncheons and teas, with or without a speaker, addresses illustrated by lantern slides or motion pictures, sewing, music, Sunday evening meetings in churches and use of McAll Record.

The number of managers' meetings held in the course of twelve months varies from one to nine. Three Auxiliaries report five meetings annually, and two show eight meetings per year.

The Sunday school seems to be the favorite organization for the presentation of the McAll story, with seven Auxiliaries reporting active work in this department of the church.

Only two groups indicate that they are presenting McAll service before young people's societies, and four mention that nothing is done in the Sunday school, church or among young people's groups.

Thirteen Auxiliaries devote their efforts to the support of a particular Mission station or to a definite activity of the work in France. The Mission stations which are the direct object of financial support are Salle Baltimore and St. Antoine in Paris, St. Etienne, Nantes, Desvres and St. Quentin. Coqueréaumont is popular with two Auxiliaries. Nine indicate by their replies that they do not contribute to special features.

Dues for membership show a wide variety. Thirteen Auxiliaries quote \$1.00 a year; two ask \$1.00 or more; one replies "from \$1.00 to \$5.00, with \$25.00 for life membership, and \$100.00 for honorary membership"; one indicates \$2.00; another \$2.00 or more; two reply that the amount for membership is voluntary; while in two instances no answer is given.

Of the twenty-two Auxiliaries reporting, seven made no pledge at the last Annual Meeting.

No definite opinion can be drawn from the replies made to the question regarding the present system of making pledges at the Annual Meeting. Eight Auxiliaries favor the present

method, while eight others give no reply. One Auxiliary returns a negative answer, and still another says "yes and no." Fourteen methods of raising money are listed, as follows: Membership, subscription, sales, luncheons, bridge parties, dances, lectures, musicals, gifts, letters of appeal, saving pennies, collection of old gold and silver, subscription from church and Sunday school budgets, silver offering.

In the literature section of the questionnaire an overwhelming number (eighteen) do not have a program in printed form of the year's meetings and activities. The same proportion is true of the distribution of a printed annual report. Three Auxiliaries only prepare special printed literature. Church calendars are used for publicity by thirteen groups, while sixteen make use of local newspapers for announcements of meetings and other events.

Only four of the twenty-two Auxiliaries make use of a mailing list of non-members to whom literature is sent.

The question relating to the usefulness of the American McAll Record drew replies from ten Auxiliaries, of whom two say that they find all of it useful; six favor reports of the Mission work in France; and two like reports of the work with children.

In regard to increasing the helpfulness of the Record, twenty offered no suggestions whatever, while the other two were negative in their replies, inasmuch as they reported a regret over the loss of the blue cover, and the reduction in size.

## **A Date to Remember, January 17, 1872**

"ON the afternoon of January 17, 1872, Mrs. McAll and I walked the crowded rue de Belleville distributing small papers of invitation . . . The same evening I conducted my first French meeting in the little mission hall (a shop) we had hired. When the furnishing of this humble place was under consideration, our kind friend, the Rev. T. Baron Hart, offered to lend us chairs from his chapel. 'How many will be needed?' 'Twenty, or at the most, twenty-four, will be amply sufficient,' was the answer returned by sage counsellors. Twenty-eight of the neighbors came in."

Rev. Robert Whittaker McAll.

## **Public Mention**

In the August issue of *The Missionary Review of the World* appeared an interesting McAll story entitled, "How a Venture in Friendship is Being Accomplished." The November, 1930, special Girl Reserve number of *The Woman's Press* (official organ of the Y. W. C. A.) carried an article about the Cadettes of the Mission. Both of these features came from the pen of Miss Congdon, Associate Field Representative.

## A Call to Prayer

**M**EMBERS of the American McAll Association are reminded that they are invited, with Christians of all races in many countries, to join the invisible world of fellowship which finds expression in the World Day of Prayer. The date is February 20.

earnestly sought in the reduction of overhead expense.

Sample copies of new leaflets will be sent to Auxiliaries as soon as ready. Several are scheduled for distribution in January.



## Change of Address of Paris Headquarters

**W**ORD has been received from Paris that the offices occupied by the headquarters staff at 1 rue Pierre Levée, Paris, were vacated in December. The new address is 47 rue de Clichy in "La Maison du Protestantisme Français." Here many French Protestant churches, missions and philanthropic organizations have their general headquarters. In announcing this change, M. Chastand says, "We have thought it wise and of good strategy to be in the center of Protestant life. Too often the Mission Populaire has been left aside in Protestant congresses and national assemblies. Too many people still think that the 'Mission McAll' is half foreign, Anglo-Saxon, Swiss, etc. Without ceasing to give public homage to our foreign friends, and in particular to those of America, we desire that France shall take a growing part in our work, in order that we may extend this service so necessary to our country."

American visitors who have been accustomed to find Mme. Roustain and Mme. Vachon at 1 rue Pierre Levée will continue to be welcomed by these devoted workers at that address.

## New Plan for Literature

**U**PON the recommendation of the Publication Committee, the National Board has approved a new arrangement for the handling of literature ordered by Auxiliaries. Briefly, the National Board will make a charge for leaflets and other publicity material, based on the actual cost of printing.

The rising costs of printing and engraving have resulted in an overhead expense that can no longer be borne by the literature budget.

This item of expense to any one Auxiliary will be small since the quantities ordered are not usually great. The cost to the Board for the free distribution of literature to all Auxiliaries is astonishingly high.

In adopting this method of acting as the producing agent for the member organizations the National Board conforms to the usage of practically all church and mission national bodies. The co-operation of the Auxiliaries is





### Said Toto to Zinette

**E**COUTE, Zinette. Stop playing with those paving blocks and come with me. Où ça? Je vais te dire. Only a little while ago, une dame très gentille stopped me on the street and asked me where I lived.

"Not far from here," I told her. Et puis, la dame said, "Why don't you come to La Mission Populaire and play with the other boys and girls of the quarter?"

"Qu'est-ce que c'est que la Mission Populaire, madame?" I asked.

"It is a big building in the rue Marcader," she told me, "with a playground, and every day tous les gosses come to the Ecole de Garde to make things and listen to stories and play games."

I ran quickly to ask Maman if I could go and she said, "Oui, mon petit bonhomme, but you must take Zinette."

C'est épatant, Zinette. We shall learn songs about a very good man who is a Friend of children and whose name is Jesus, the dame said, and we shall have our scratches bandaged when we fall down, and have lots of fun playing on the swings.

Mouche-toi, ma petite. Faut que tu sois propre. Allons-y.

*And so the children come from tenements and sordid streets to have hours of joy and a chance to be beneficially occupied.*

*In ten well equipped, splendidly supervised stations in Paris, and in fourteen in the provinces, La Mission Populaire is guiding awakening hearts to a new sense of Christ-likeness.*

### Sunday School Literature

**A** GENEROUS friend of McAll particularly interested in work with and for children has made it possible for the Sunday school committee to proceed with the production of three pieces of literature designed for use among a like number of age groups in the Sunday school.

Printed in two colors and black and illustrated with photographs, these leaflets provide an excellent approach to Sunday school superintendents and teachers, and to directors of religious education.

Sample copies may be had by addressing Miss Elizabeth Congdon, American McAll Association, 270 Park Avenue, Apartment G-12, New York City.

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Andover Friends .....	\$ 15.00
Boston Auxiliary .....	71.88
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